

National FOIA Office U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (2310A) Washington, DC 20460

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am requesting an opportunity, pursuant to <u>United States Code</u> in Title 5 U.S.C. § 552(6)(A) and Title 5 U.S.C. § 552 (6)(B), the United States Freedom of Information Act, ("FOIA"), to obtain copies of the following specific documents:

- 1. All writings, communications, notices, sent to and/or received by the registrant Dow Chemical Company and its subsidiaries as defined in Title 5 U.S.C. 552 et. seq. relating to the registration of surface active parasiticide carrier with the halopyridyl phosphate diethyl (3,5,6-trichloro-2-pyridyl) phosphate;
- 2. All scientific studies, independent studies, internal reviews, toxicology studies submitted by the registrant Dow Chemical Company and its subsidiaries to the EPA in support for the registration of the surface active parasiticide carrier with the halopyridyl phosphate diethyl (3,5,6-trichloro-2-pyridyl) phosphate;
- 3. All scientific studies, independent studies, internal reviews, toxicology studies performed by the EPA in support for the registration of the surface active parasiticide carrier with the halopyridyl phosphate diethyl (3,5,6-trichloro-2-pyridyl) phosphate;
- 4. All scientific studies, independent studies, internal reviews, toxicology studies performed and /or submitted by a third party to the EPA in support and/or in opposition of the registration of the surface active parasiticide carrier with the halopyridyl phosphate diethyl (3,5,6-trichloro-2-pyridyl) phosphate.

If any of the requested writings are withheld by your office, please provide a detailed description of the writings which the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), claims are exempt from disclosure and provide an itemized explanation specifying and indexing the exemption or exemptions of the West Virginia FOIA your office maintains are the basis for exempting each writing from disclosure with the description of the writings withheld. <a href="Vaughn v. Rosen">Vaughn v. Rosen</a>, 484 F. 2d 820 (D.C.Cir. 1973).

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I ask that a <u>Vaughn</u> index, if provided, be accompanied by an affidavit signed by the public body's official withholding any of the documents hereby requested. Such affidavit should indicate why these documents would be exempt and why their disclosure could be harmful to that public body.

If any of the writings I am requesting do not exist, please specifically indicate in letterform, which documents are not in existence.

If any of the writings I am requesting are not available through your institution, please designate where the requested writings may be obtained.

If you are not able to address this request in a timely manner for any reason, I am requesting that the task be delegated to another person within your institution who can complete the request within the statutory time limitation.

I look forward to receiving the documents I have requested in the near future. I am willing to pay reasonable costs for reproducing any copies of writings I have requested.

"This request does not encompass any information that may be entitled to confidential treatment, or that otherwise may be exempt from disclosure under FOIA."

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If there are any questions, please call.

Sincerely,

Juana Chacon